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MODEL UN CONFERENCE INVADES CAMPUS NOV. 21-22

MISSOULA —

The University of Montana will host the 41st annual Montana Model United Nations Conference on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 21-22. More than 400 high school students from 18 Montana and Idaho schools will attend.

During the event each high school student will represent one of the 191 UN member states, debating and writing resolutions to address important international issues.

Each student also will participate in one of eight committees: the Security Council, General Assembly Plenary, General Assembly First Committee (Security Issues), Economic and Social Council, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Each committee is staffed by a team of university students in Assistant Professor Karen Ruth Adams' Model United Nations course, offered through UM's political science department. Background guides on the committees and issues are available at <http://www.cas.umt.edu/mun/2005/topics.htm>.

The conference begins with opening ceremonies in the University Theatre at 8:35 a.m. Monday. Former Ambassador Mark Johnson, executive director of the Montana World Affairs

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Council, will deliver the keynote address. Students will then meet in committees from late Monday morning through Tuesday afternoon.

From 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday, participants will be treated to an ice cream social in the dining area on the second floor of the University Center. At this event, high school students will mingle with international students and UM faculty who are from or have expertise in the countries they represent.

Closing ceremonies, held from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday at the University Theatre, will recognize outstanding high school students, schools and conference staff.

For a detailed conference schedule, visit <http://www.cas.umt.edu/mun/2005/advisors.htm>. Committee room assignments are available at <http://www.cas.umt.edu/mun/2005/conference.htm>. Committee staff are listed at <http://www.cas.umt.edu/mun/2005/staff.htm>.

The conference is funded by school and delegate fees, as well as contributions from UM's College of Arts and Sciences, the Division of Student Affairs, the President's Office and the Department of Political Science.

For further information visit <http://www.cas.umt.edu/mun/2005/default.htm>.

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NOTE: Interviews may be arranged with the following conference organizers: Rob Killian, secretary general (UM student), (406) 239-5693; Jessica Reynolds, assistant secretary general (UM student), (406) 360-5235; Jennifer Hathaway, UM graduate student advisor, (208) 339-3590; Ambassador Mark Johnson, keynote speaker and former MMUN faculty advisor, (406) 728-3328.

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